

# On the origin, phonetic variants, semantic and stylistic peculiarities of the use of the affix-lar in the Turkic languages

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## Abstract

© Serials Publications. The article is devoted to the research of theoretical works on the grammatical category of number in Turkic linguistics. The category of number is one of the topical and controversial problems in the theoretical grammar of the Turkic languages as evidenced by plentiful works on this issue written over decades. The study of this grammatical category is closely linked with the history of the study of Turkic languages and has an ancient tradition. The article discusses the history of plural forms formation on the basis of the material from modern Turkic languages, as well as in the ancient period. In addition, a comparative historical analysis of the study form has been carried out on the basis of the material of different languages of the Turkic group - including Tatar, Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Uzbek, Uighur, Chuvash, Khakass, Nogai, Yakut amongst other languages. The proposed analysis demonstrates the different phonetic variants of this form, as well as the features of its use and the existing differences. Taking into account that the plural forms in the Turkic languages are mainly formed by the affix-lar, it is evident that the specificity of the form under study is determined not only by the rule of vowel harmony, but also depends on the specific historical conditions of functioning and formation of the grammatical system of the Turkic languages. The analysis of the works of famous classical and modern turcologists regarding this issue allows to better define the grammatical essence, semantics and stylistic capabilities of the category of number, as well as to reveal its functionality in the Turkic languages.

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## Keywords

A comparative historical analysis, A noun, An affix, Collective plurality, The category of number, The plural, The Turkic languages